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DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller *TW* 22 November 1965

1. Bill Thomas of the Bureau of the Budget telephoned to alert me that BOB is raising a question about continuing [redacted] program. We have [redacted] in our Fiscal Year 1966 budget and NRO has [redacted] in its budget for this program. Bill wanted me to know that this subject might be raised at the NRO Executive Committee Meeting tomorrow. (All interested parties, including the Director, have been notified.)

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2. Dick Helms and Des FitzGerald met with the Director this morning, after which Des advised me that the Director wished to firm up the budget figures on the Vietnam program which will be discussed at a special meeting presided over by McGeorge Bundy and attended by Charlie Schultze tomorrow at 1100 hours. (Several subsequent conversations with the Director took place on this general subject, the last at 0800 hours on 23 November. Bill Colby and John Clarke both accompanied the Director to this meeting. We still did not have all the figures the Director wanted, but John was going to try to improve the situation before the meeting. In particular, the Director was interested in a breakout of our world-wide effort against China and Vietnam and several other categories. Our data base at this time simply is not good enough to pull out this information on short notice with any degree of accuracy. [redacted]

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3. Dick Helms advised me that the Director had asked him to look into our over-all intelligence requirements. Dick asked Jack Earman to do this, and Jack came to talk with me about the matter. I conveyed to Jack my understanding of the Director's concern but urged him to seek an audience with the Director personally to be sure that he is on the right track before he starts. I also urged him to get someone knowledgeable in the scientific and technical fields to participate as a member of the survey team.

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4. I reviewed with Emmett Echols his recommended reallocation of supergrade and Scientific Pay Schedule positions, assuming we have to stay within a ceiling [redacted]. It looked reasonable, and I asked him to submit it formally.

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5. Emmett Echols talked with me about [redacted] refusal to participate at the working level with the Recruitment Advertising Committee. I agreed with Emmett that this did not seem reasonable on [redacted] part and undertook to talk with [redacted] about it. (I did this on 23 November and feel that there was simply a lack of good communication between [redacted] and Emmett. I do think, however, that [redacted] was on a bad wicket and urged him as a matter of general procedure to make himself available as much as possible for advice and consultation rather than to reserve his position as a member of the Director's staff until everybody else has made his input. I think he got the message, but I am not positive.)

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6. [redacted] came to me with a problem about a [redacted] clearance for the Special Assistant to the Vice Director [redacted]. Because this individual is foreign born, a waiver of the USIB criteria will have to be made in order to grant him [redacted] clearance. Usually such an individual is required to take a polygraph before a waiver is granted. I discussed this with Dick Helms, who agreed that we should ask this individual to take the polygraph. I asked [redacted] to do this.

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7. I saw a film on Radio Liberty which lasted about thirty minutes. It was reasonably good and might be appropriate to show to one of our Congressional committees when they can spare thirty minutes and the agenda is not too full of other items.

8. Bob Fuchs talked with me about what he believes to be a conflict between several papers on entertainment policy which were written during the McCone-Carter-Kirkpatrick regime. I asked Bob to review all these papers and, if he felt it advisable, to write a new paper which could be signed by the DDCI or the Executive Director rescinding all the old papers and promulgating the new policies effective immediately.

9. John Clarke called my attention to the fact that none of our examiners from the Bureau of the Budget are polygraphed and that

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they probably should be since they have full access to the Agency's activities. I don't want to push this just now, but at some appropriate time I do believe I should take it up with appropriate BOB people.

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11. The Director also called to talk with me at some length about breaking out the cost of the China program, the Vietnam program, and other major programs on a world-wide basis and expressed his intention to use these figures in his argumentation with the Bureau of the Budget and others that he considers the budget [redacted] even excluding the Vietnamese program, to be modest indeed at this time. I talked with John Clarke about this, and he is working on the problem.

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12. While reviewing the supergrade study with Emmett Echols, he reported that DD/I feels strongly that the position of Special Assistant to the DD/I, which is occupied by [redacted] should be retained. I still do not agree with this, particularly with the scheme to promote [redacted] to grade GS-18, place him in this position, and then abolish the position so that he can retire before he reaches age sixty-two on 20 September 1967. DD/I also feels that [redacted]

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[redacted] position should remain classified at grade GS-17. They argue that the fact that Paul Borel concentrates on management does not dilute [redacted] position in any way. I am not convinced that DD/I's position is right but will hear them out before making a final recommendation to the Director. DD/P likewise feels that the position of Special Assistant to the DD/P for Latin American Affairs, which is occupied by J. C. King, should be retained, notwithstanding the fact that it was set up for J. C., who will probably retire within the next several months.

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13. Jack Earman reported to me that he talked with Dick Helms about taking [redacted] as his deputy and that Dick approved wholeheartedly.

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